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# Building a leading genetic medicines company



## INNOVATIVE PLATFORM

- Stereopure oligonucleotides
- Backbone modifications
- Allele-selectivity
- Novel modalities (ADAR)
- Foundational stereochemistry IP



## FOUNDATION OF CNS PROGRAMS

- Huntington's disease
- ALS / FTD
- Ataxias
- Parkinson's
- Alzheimer's



## CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERTISE

- Multiple global clinical trials ongoing across eight countries
- Innovative trial designs



## MANUFACTURING

- Established internal manufacturing capabilities to produce oligonucleotides at scale

# Innovative pipeline led by CNS programs

THERAPEUTIC AREA	TARGET	DISCOVERY	PRECLINICAL	CLINICAL	ESTIMATED U.S. PREVALENCE*	PARTNER
<b>CNS</b>						
	<b>WVE-120101</b> mHTT SNP1	Phase 1b/2a and OLE			~10,000 / ~35,000	Takeda 50:50 option
<b>Huntington's disease</b>	<b>WVE-120102</b> mHTT SNP2	Phase 1b/2a and OLE			~10,000 / ~35,000	Takeda 50:50 option
	mHTT SNP3				~8,000 / ~30,000	Takeda 50:50 option
<b>ALS and FTD</b>	C9orf72				~1,800 (ALS) ~7,000 (FTD)	Takeda 50:50 option
<b>Spinocerebellar ataxia 3</b>	ATXN3				~4,500	Takeda 50:50 option
<b>CNS diseases</b>	Multiple†					Takeda milestones & royalties
<b>OPHTHALMOLOGY</b>						
<b>Retinal diseases</b>	USH2A and RhoP23H					100% global
<b>HEPATIC</b>						
<b>Metabolic liver diseases</b>	Multiple					Pfizer milestones & royalties
<b>OTHER</b>						
<b>ADAR RNA-editing</b>	Multiple					100% global

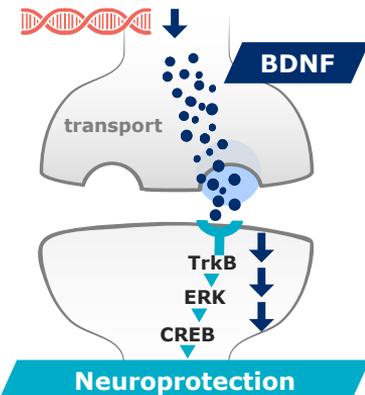
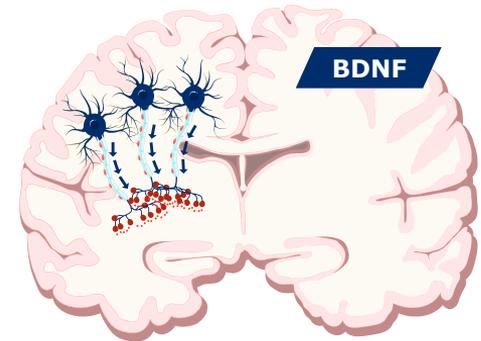
HD portfolio  
Huntington's Disease



# Importance of wild-type huntingtin (wtHTT) in HD

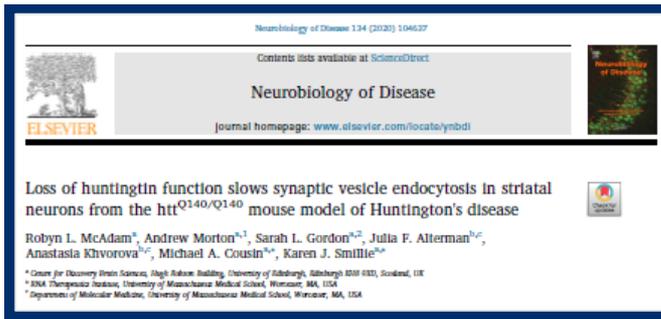
Huntington's disease (HD) may be caused by a dominant gain of function in mutant HTT *and* a loss of function of wtHTT protein

- Evidence suggests wild-type or healthy HTT is neuroprotective in an adult brain
  - Transport of key neurotrophic factors such as brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) are regulated by wtHTT levels
- Relative proportion of wild-type to mutant protein is critical
  - Increased amount of wild-type protein relative to mutant HTT may result in slower disease progression (measured by age-at-onset)
  - Patients with lack of wild-type have significantly more severe disease (measured by disease progression after symptom onset)

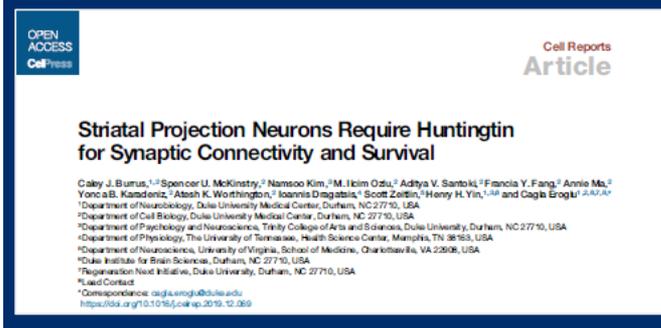


# Increasing evidence on the importance of wtHTT in HD pathogenesis, CNS and systemic health

## Recent publications on wtHTT LoF as a likely driver of HD pathogenesis



- Striatum-specific defect in synaptic vesicle endocytosis that was not corrected by total lowering of HTT
- Corrected by overexpression of wild-type protein



- Striatal projection neurons require HTT for motor regulation, synaptic development, cell health, and survival during aging
- Loss of HTT function could play a critical role in HD pathogenesis

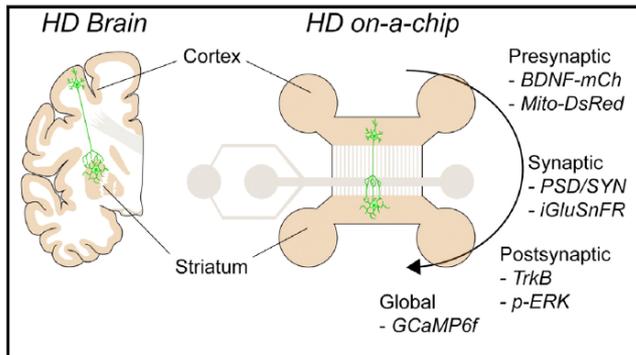
## wtHTT in HD highlighted at CHDI 15<sup>th</sup> Annual HD Therapeutics Conference:

*HTT LOWERING: EXPLORING DISTRIBUTION, TIMING, AND SAFETY (LOSS OF FUNCTION)*

### Key points discussed at meeting:

- wtHTT has numerous critical functions throughout life (e.g., intracellular trafficking, cell-cell adhesion, BDNF transport)
- Near elimination of mouse wtHtt detrimental regardless of when suppression begins
- Specific brain regions, e.g., STN, may be particularly vulnerable to wtHTT lowering
- Mouse Htt lowering can lead to thalamic, hepatic, pancreatic toxicity
- HTT LoF mutations highly constrained in human population, suggesting selection against LoF mutations

# Wild-type HTT in the cortex appears critical for striatal health



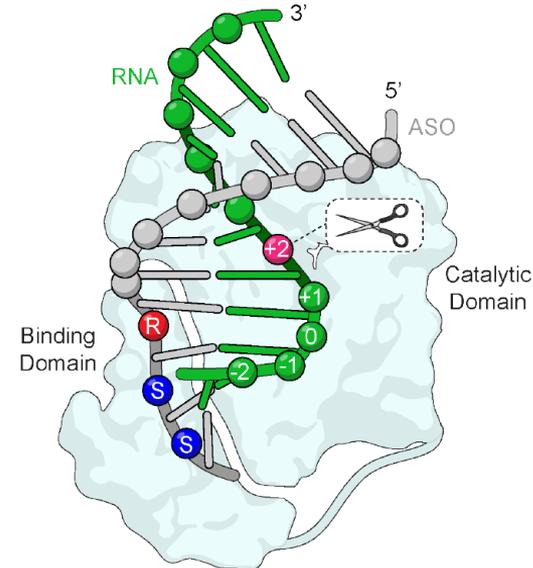
Neuron Type	Genetic Status				Compartment
Cortical	WT	WT	HD	HD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Presynaptic</li> <li>— Synaptic</li> <li>— Post-synaptic</li> </ul>
Striatum	WT	HD	HD	WT	
<i>Network Status</i>	<i>Functional</i>		<i>Dysfunctional</i>		

**Status of the presynaptic compartment determines the integrity of the network**

# Wave approach: novel, allele-selective silencing

Aims to lower mHTT transcript while leaving healthy wild-type HTT relatively intact

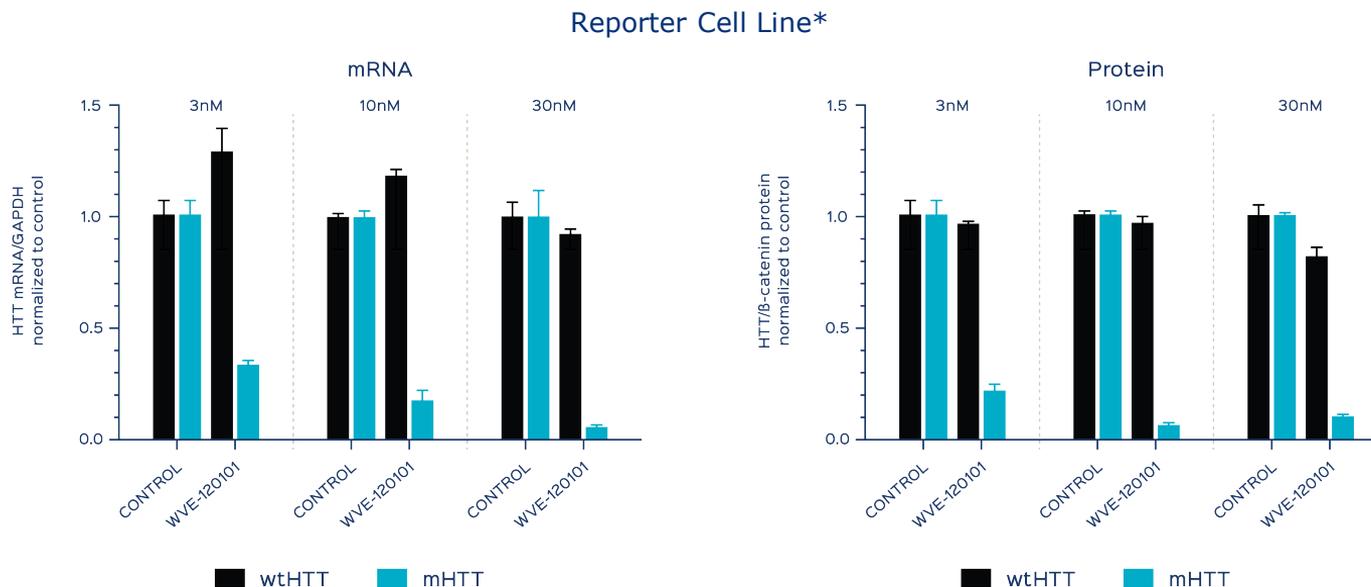
- Utilize association between single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) and genetic mutations to specifically target errors in genetic disorders, including Huntington's disease (HD)
- Potential to provide treatment for up to 80% of HD population



RNase H and ASO:RNA

**Allele-selectivity possible by targeting SNPs associated with expanded long CAG repeat in HTT gene**

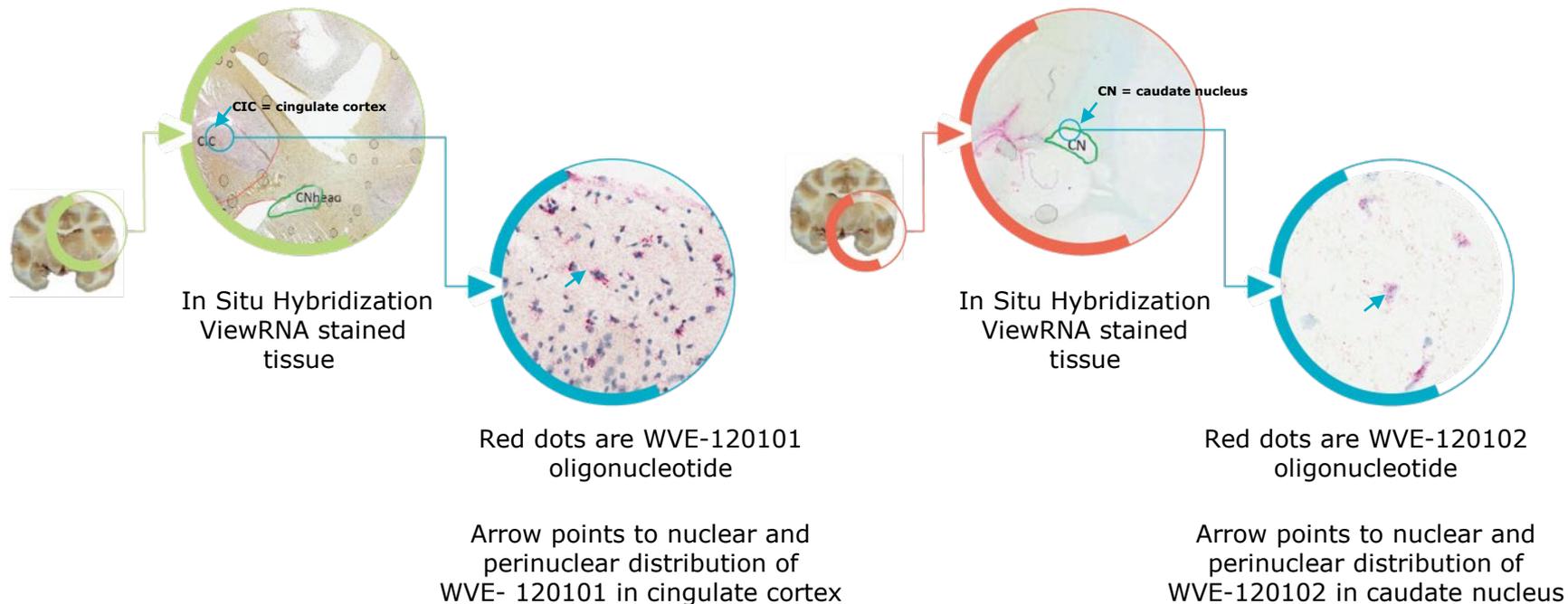
# Selective reduction of mHTT mRNA & protein



\*These results were replicated in a patient-derived cell line

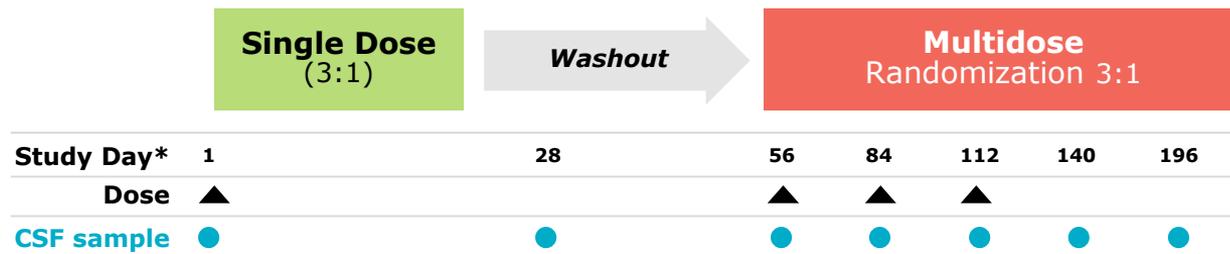
# Demonstrated delivery to brain tissue

- WVE-120101 and WVE-120102 distribution in cynomolgus non-human primate brain following intrathecal bolus injection



# PRECISION-HD clinical trial design

Two parallel, multicenter, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled Phase 1b/2a clinical trials for WVE-120101 and WVE-120102



PRECISION-HD2 OLE:  
*Initiated October 2019*

PRECISION-HD1 OLE:  
*Initiated February 2020*

## Multidose Cohorts

N = 12 per cohort



- PRECISION-HD2 data from 32 mg cohort expected in 2H 2020
- PRECISION-HD1 topline data, including 32 mg cohort, expected in 2H 2020

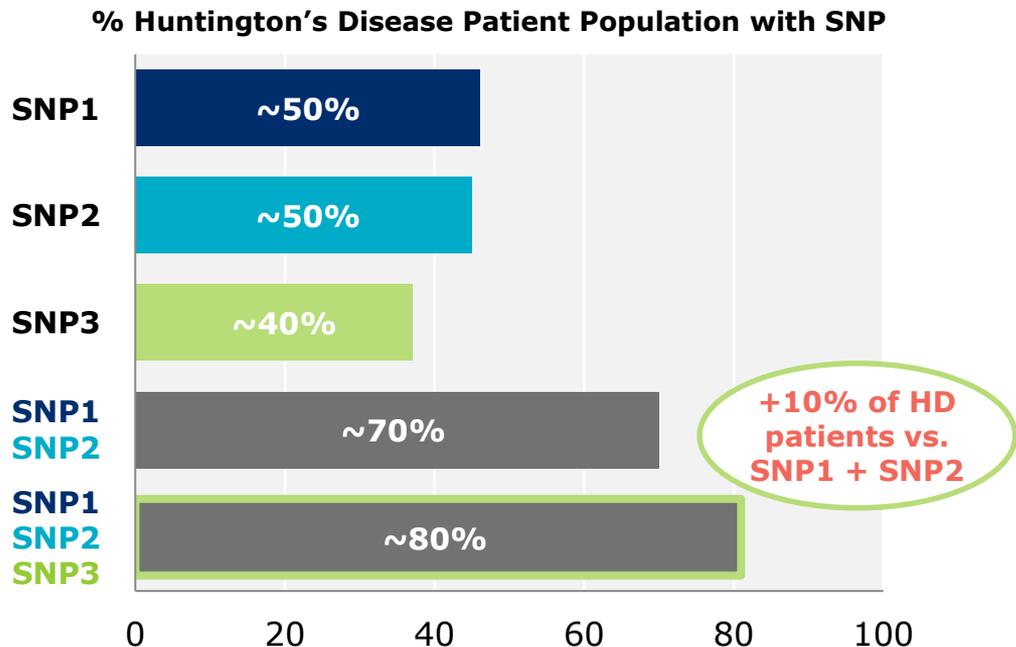
# PRECISION-HD2 topline results

Clinical trial ongoing

Doses	Safety	Biomarker Effects	
		mHTT	wtHTT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>WVE-120102</b> 2–16 mg (pooled)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Generally safe and well tolerated</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Reduction in mHTT compared to placebo (-12.4%<sup>1</sup>, <math>p &lt; 0.05</math><sup>2</sup>)</b></li> <li><b>Analysis across groups suggests dose response at highest doses (<math>p = 0.03</math>)<sup>3</sup></b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>No change in tHTT compared to placebo</b></li> <li><b>Ongoing evaluation</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>32 mg cohort initiated</li> <li>Assessing the potential for higher dose cohorts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety profile supports addition of higher dose cohorts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential for greater mHTT reduction at higher doses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Larger reductions of mHTT expected to result in discernible impact on tHTT</li> </ul>

# Three allele-selective HD programs

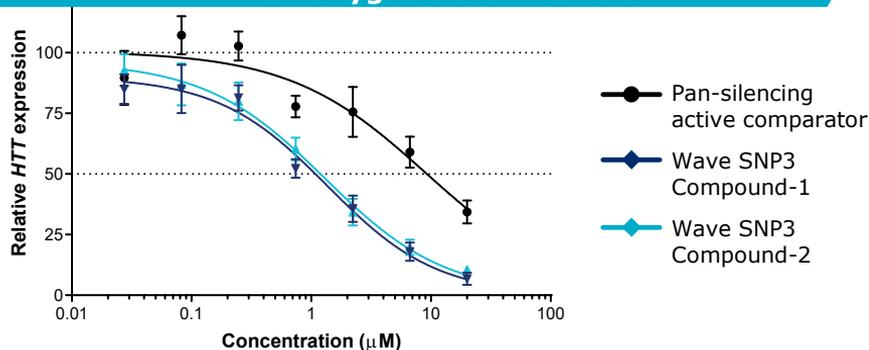
Potential to address ~80% of HD patient population



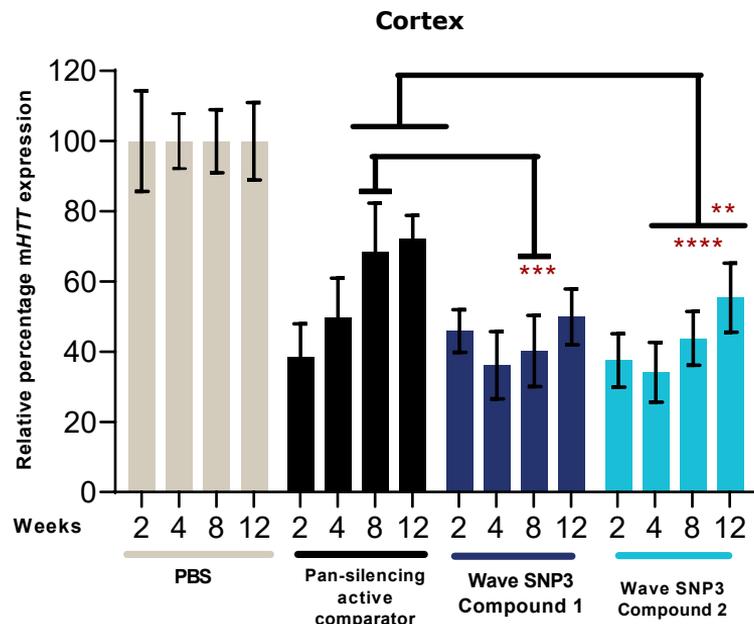
Intend to explore efficacy in early manifest and pre-manifest HD patient populations

# SNP3 program approaching clinical development

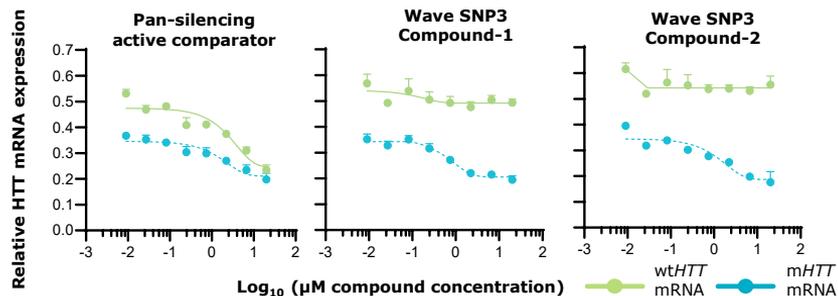
## Potent mutant *HTT* knockdown activity in homozygous iCell neurons



## Knockdown persists for 12 weeks in BACHD mouse model



## No loss of selectivity with increasing concentrations



Similar knockdown achieved in striatum

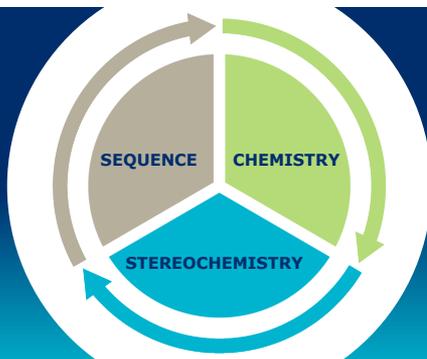
## PRISM Platform



Enables Wave to target genetically defined diseases with stereopure oligonucleotides across multiple therapeutic modalities

## DESIGN

Unique ability to construct stereopure oligonucleotides with one defined and consistent profile



## OPTIMIZE

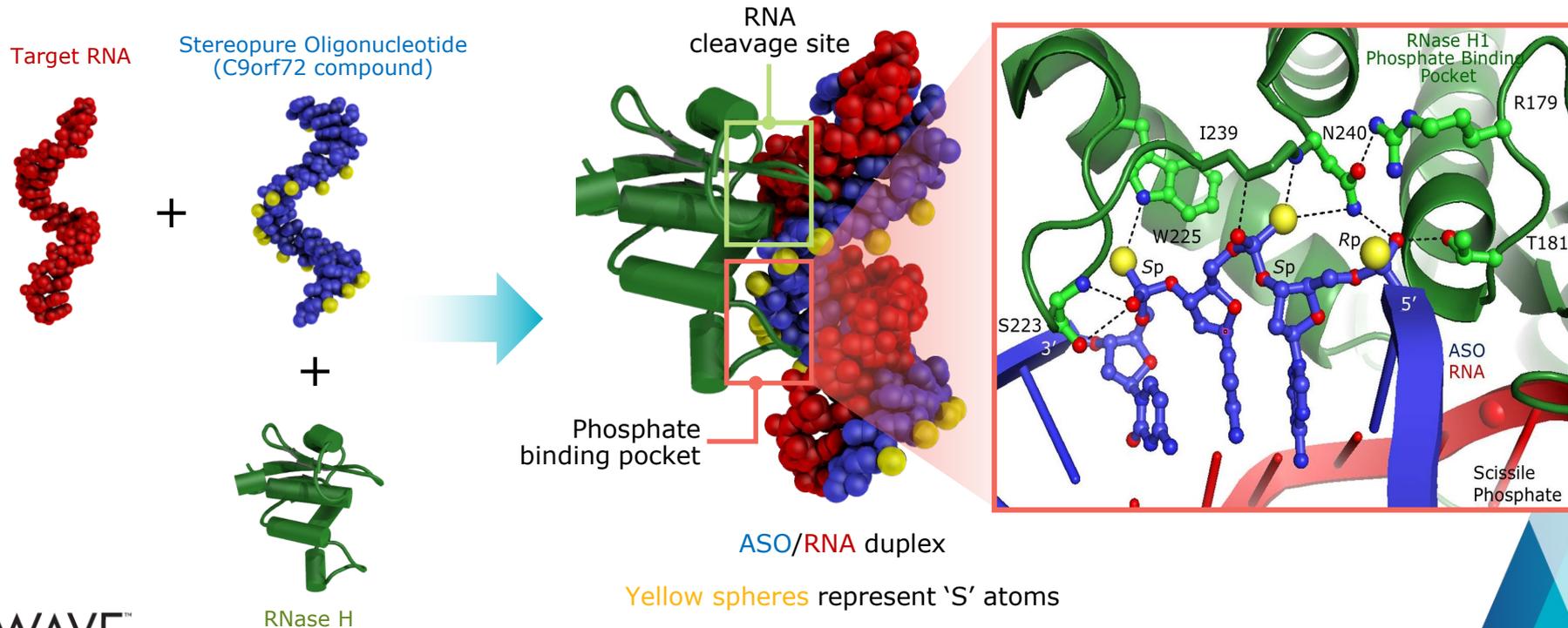
A deep understanding of how the interplay among oligonucleotide sequence, chemistry, and backbone stereochemistry impacts key pharmacological properties

Through iterative analysis of *in vitro* and *in vivo* outcomes and artificial intelligence-driven predictive modeling, Wave continues to define design principles that are deployed across programs to rapidly develop and manufacture clinical candidates that meet pre-defined product profiles

# PRISM enables optimal placement of backbone stereochemistry

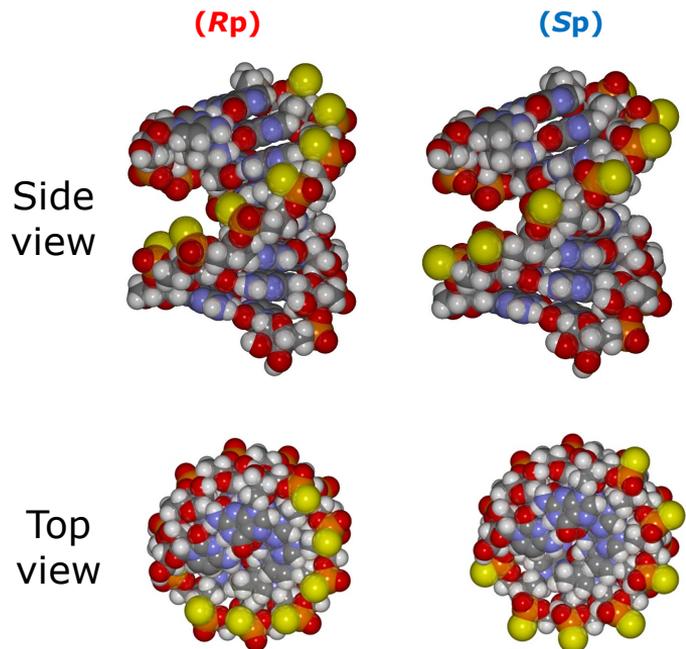


*Crystal structure confirms phosphate-binding pocket of RNase H binds 3'-SSR-5' motif in stereopure oligonucleotide – supports design strategy for Wave oligonucleotides*

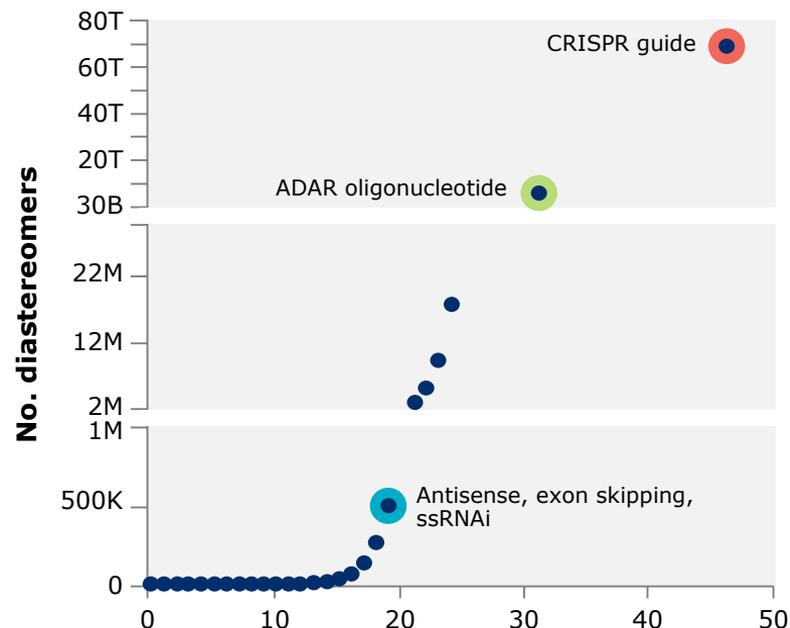


# Importance of controlling stereochemistry

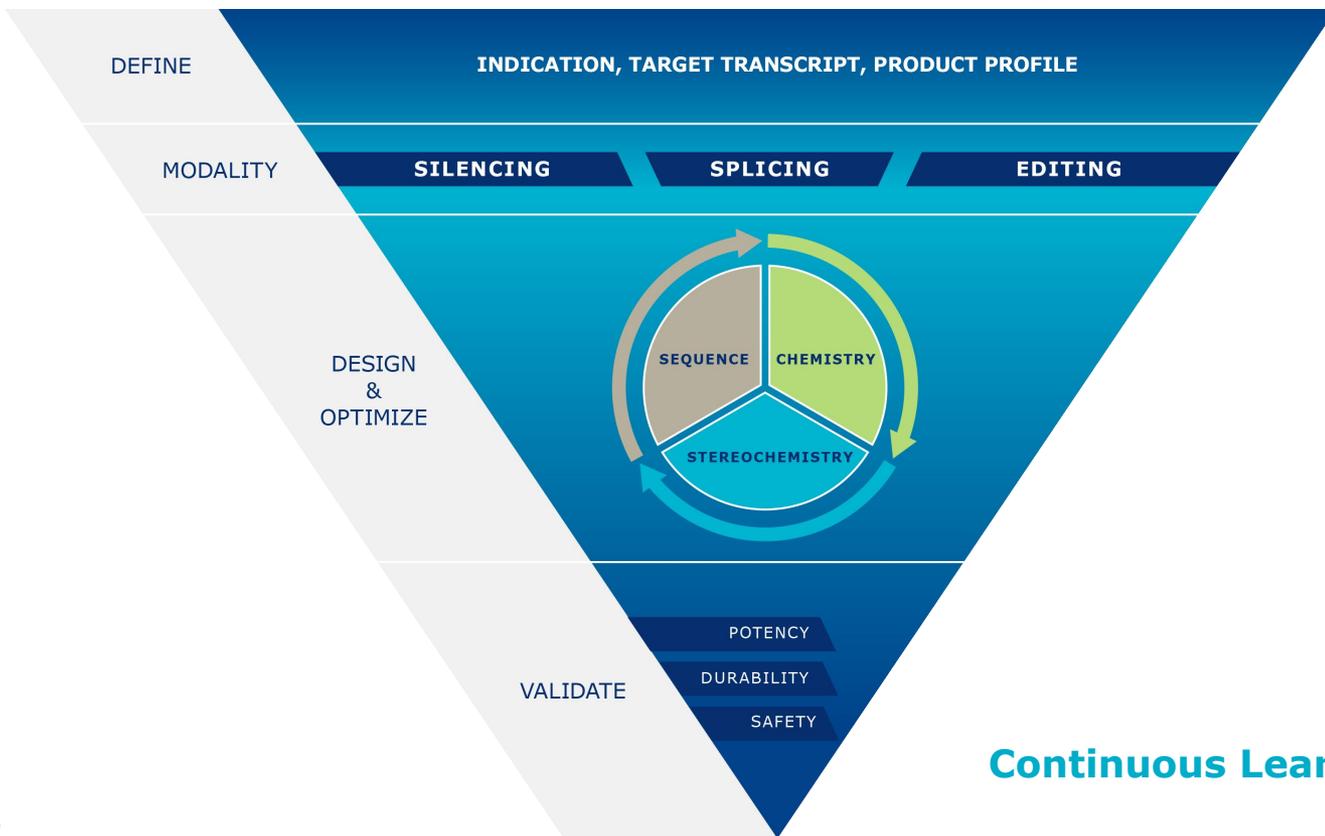
## Stereochemical diversity



## Exponential diversity arises from uncontrolled stereochemistry



# PRISM platform enables rational drug design

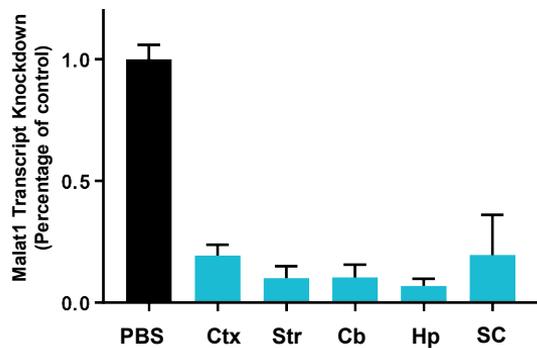


**Continuous Learning**

# Optimizing potency and durability across multiple tissues

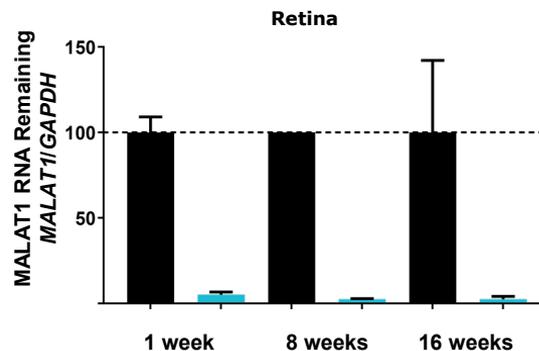
## CNS

*Malat1* Transcript Knockdown in Mice  
10 Weeks after single 100 µg ICV injection



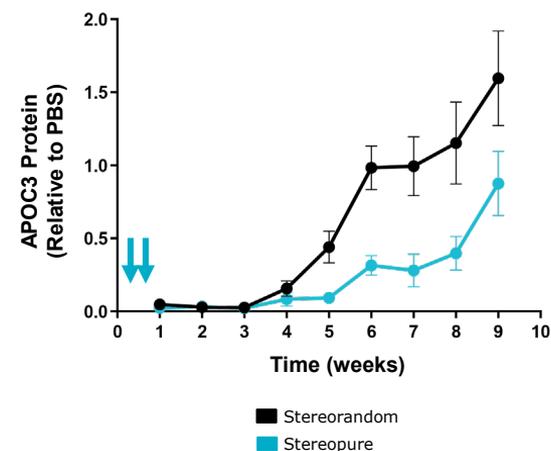
## Eye

*MALAT1* Knockdown in Non-Human Primates  
Single 450 µg IVT injection



## Liver

Knockdown of Serum APOC3 Protein Levels in Mice  
Two 5 mg/kg SC injections on Days 1&3



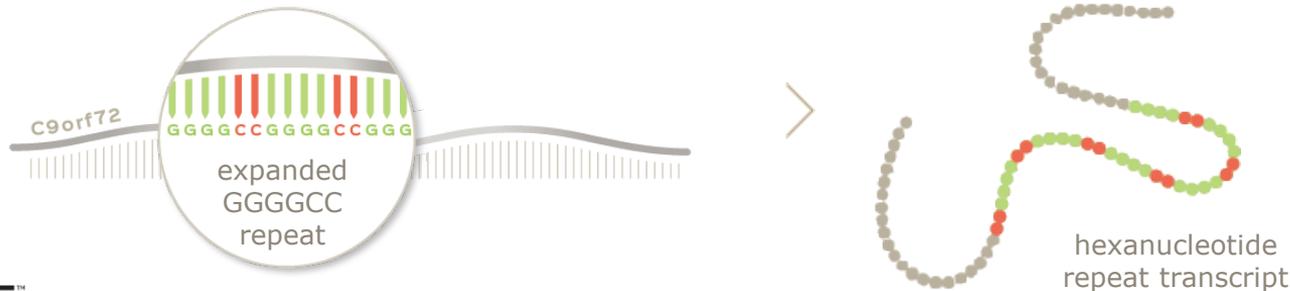
## C9orf72 program

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)

Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD)

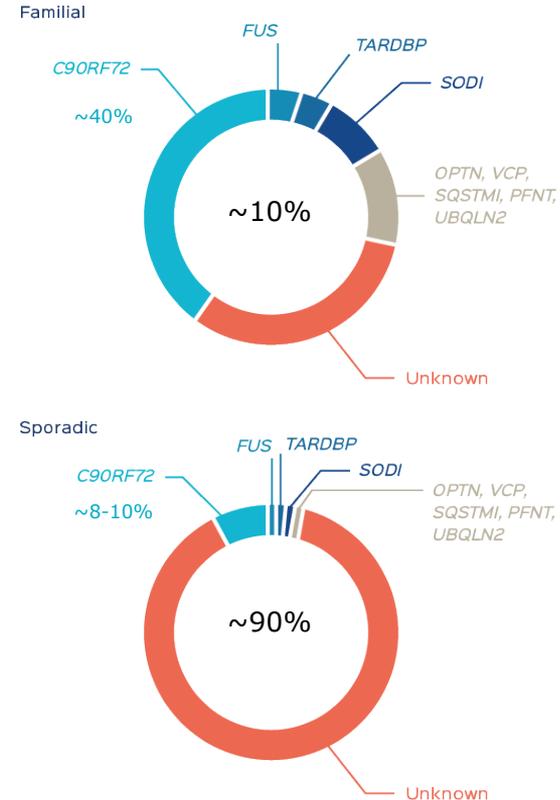
# C9orf72: a critical genetic risk factor

- C9orf72 gene provides instructions for making protein found in various tissues, with abundance in nerve cells in the cerebral cortex and motor neurons
- C9orf72 genetic mutations are the strongest genetic risk factor found to date for the more common, non-inherited (sporadic) forms of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD); GGGGCC repeat drives the formation and accumulation of dipeptide repeat proteins that accumulate in brain tissue
- First pathogenic mechanism identified to be a genetic link between familial (inherited) ALS and FTD
- Most common mutation identified associated with familial ALS and FTD
- Availability of dipeptide biomarker in CSF has potential to accelerate drug development



# Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis

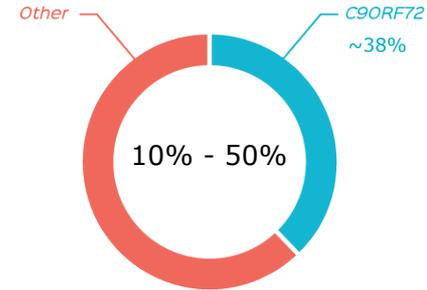
- Fatal neurodegenerative disease characterized by the progressive degeneration of motor neurons in the brain and spinal cord
- Affects approximately 15,000-20,000 people in the US with a median survival of three years
- C9orf72 is present in approximately 40% of familial ALS and 8-10% of sporadic ALS; currently the most common demonstrated mutation related to ALS, far more so than SOD1 or TDP-43
- Pathogenic transcripts of the C9orf72 gene contain hundreds to thousands of hexanucleotide repeats compared to 2-23 in wild-type transcripts; dominant trait with high penetrance



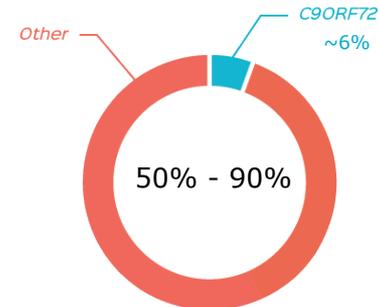
# Frontotemporal dementia

- Progressive neuronal atrophy with loss in the frontal and temporal cortices characterized by personality and behavioral changes, as well as gradual impairment of language skills
- Affects approximately 55,000 people in the US
- Second most common form of early-onset dementia after Alzheimer's disease in people under the age of 65
- Up to 50% of FTD patients have a family history of dementia, many inheriting FTD as an autosomal dominant trait with high penetrance
- Pathogenic transcripts of the C9orf72 gene contain hundreds to thousands of hexanucleotide repeats compared to 2-23 in wild-type transcripts

Familial



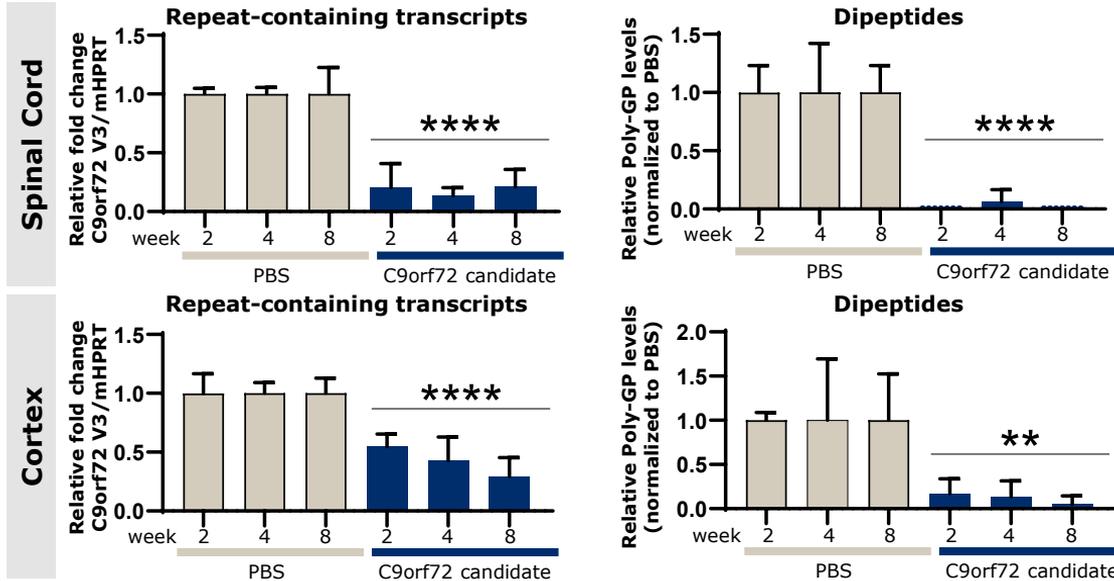
Sporadic



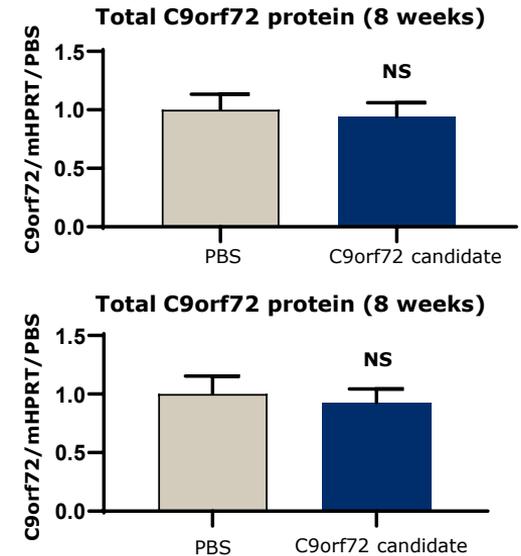
# C9orf72 program: Selective silencing *in vivo* of expanded C9orf72 repeat transcripts

- C9orf72 genetic mutations are the most common cause of familial Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD) and are the strongest genetic risk factor found to date for the more common, non-inherited (sporadic) forms of ALS and FTD; Hexanucleotide repeat drives the formation and accumulation of dipeptide repeat proteins that accumulate in brain tissue
- Wave's approach:** Selectively silence the repeat containing transcript while minimizing the impact on C9orf72 protein

## Potent *in vivo* knockdown of repeat containing transcripts and dipeptides



## Protein preservation



# Ophthalmology

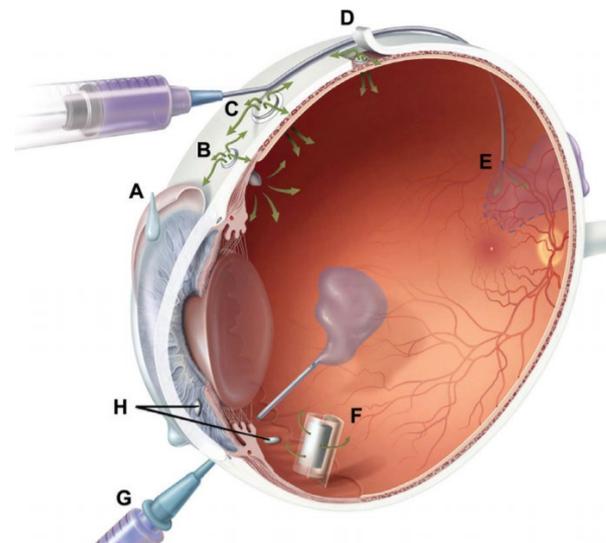
# Stereopure oligonucleotides for inherited retinal diseases (IRDs)

## Wave ophthalmology opportunity

- Oligonucleotides can be administered by intravitreal injection; targeting twice per year dosing
- Stereopure oligonucleotides open novel strategies in both dominant and recessive IRDs; potential for potent and durable effect with low immune response

## Successful targeting of *MALAT1* is a surrogate for an ASO mechanism of action

- Widely expressed in many different cell types
- Only expressed in the nucleus

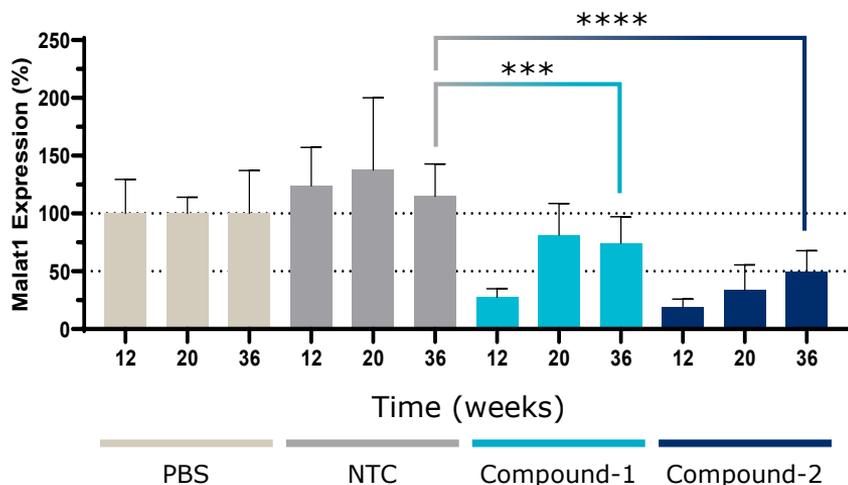


Intravitreal injection

# Stereopure compound induces potent and durable *MALAT1* knockdown in the eye

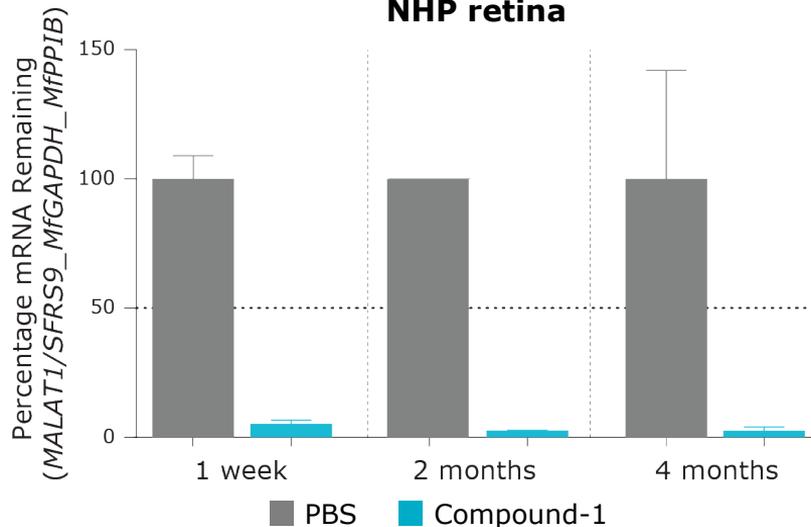
~50% *MALAT1* knockdown at 9 months

*In vivo* duration of effect in the mouse retina



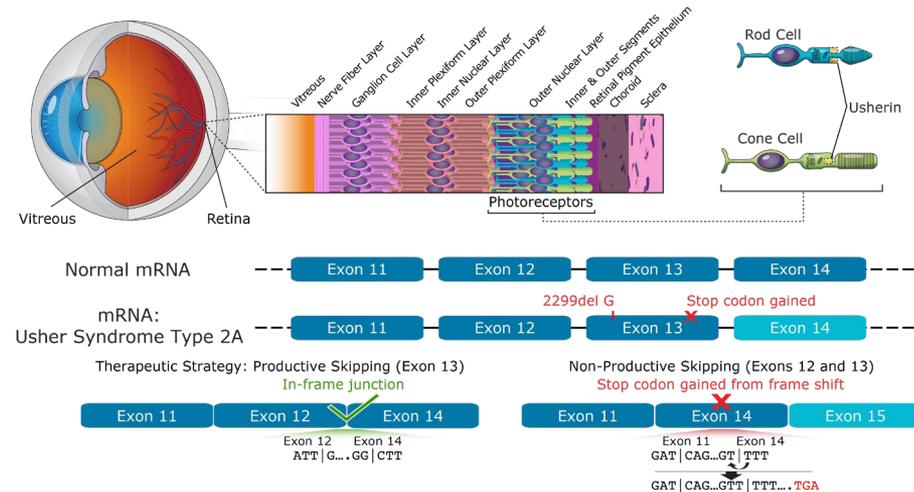
>90% knockdown of *MALAT1* maintained for 4 months

*In vivo* duration of effect in the NHP retina



# Usher Syndrome Type 2A: a progressive vision loss disorder

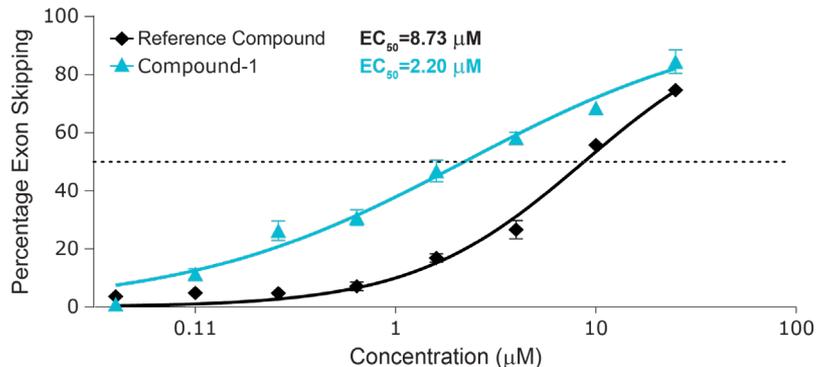
- Autosomal recessive disease characterized by hearing loss at birth and progressive vision loss beginning in adolescence or adulthood
- Caused by mutations in USH2A gene (72 exons) that disrupt production of usherin protein in retina, leading to degeneration of the photoreceptors
- No approved disease-modifying therapies
- **~5,000 addressable patients in US**



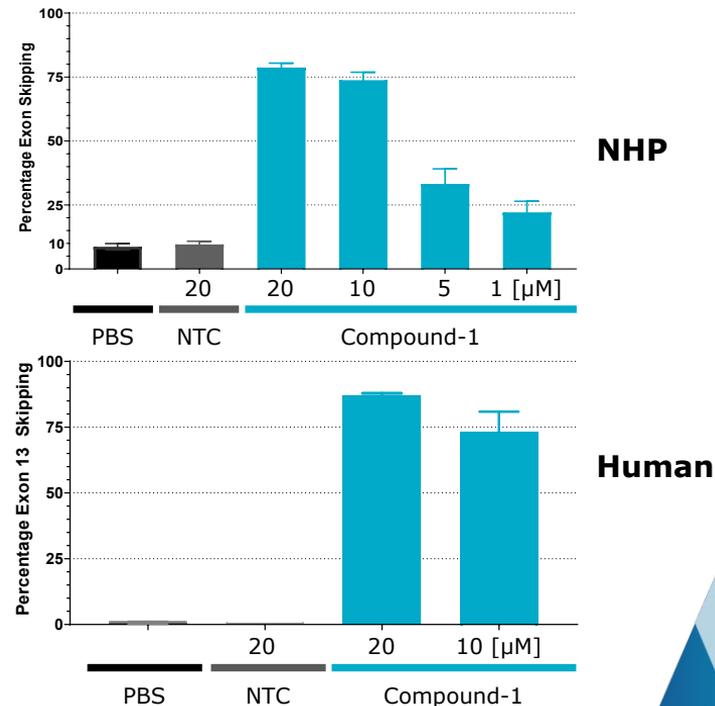
**Oligonucleotides that promote USH2A exon 13 skipping may restore production of functional usherin protein**

# Potent USH2A exon 13 skipping with stereopure compound in *vitro* and *ex vivo*

## Enhanced potency over a stereorandom reference compound (*in vitro*)



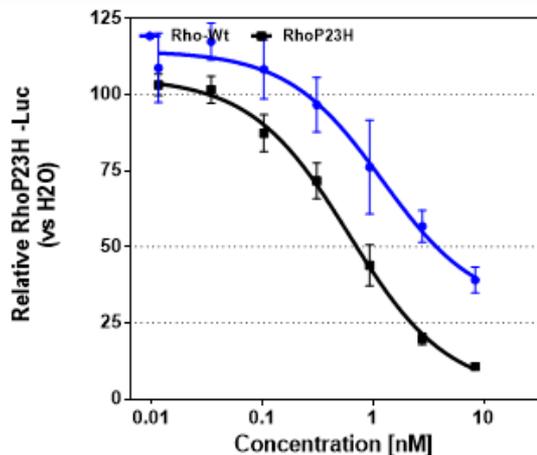
## Target engagement in NHP and human retinas (*ex vivo*)



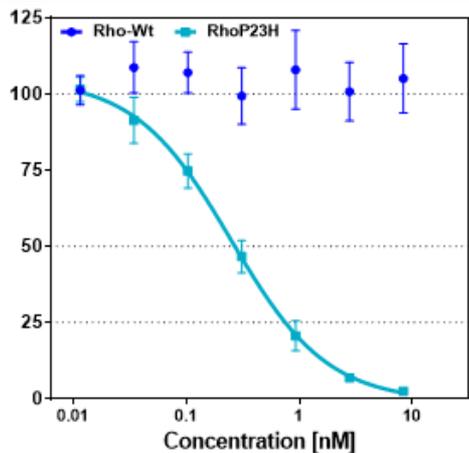
# Allele-selective reduction of SNP-containing allele for adRP associated with Rhodopsin P23H mutation

- **Retinitis pigmentosa (RP)**: group of rare, genetic eye disorders resulting in progressive photoreceptor cell death and gradual functional loss; currently no cure
- ~10% of US autosomal dominant RP cases are caused by the P23H mutation in the rhodopsin gene (RHO)
- Mutant P23H rhodopsin protein is thought to misfold and co-aggregate with wild-type rhodopsin, resulting in a gain-of-function or dominant negative effect in rod photoreceptor cells

## Stereorandom



## Stereopure



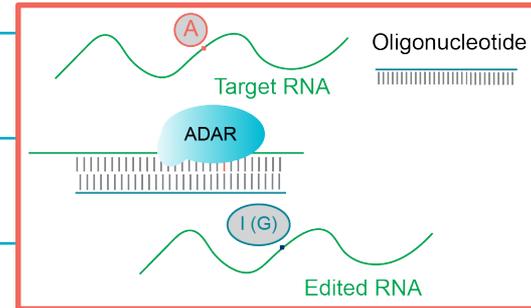
## In vivo

Collaborations in place for evaluation in transgenic human Rho P23H pig model

# ADAR-mediated RNA editing

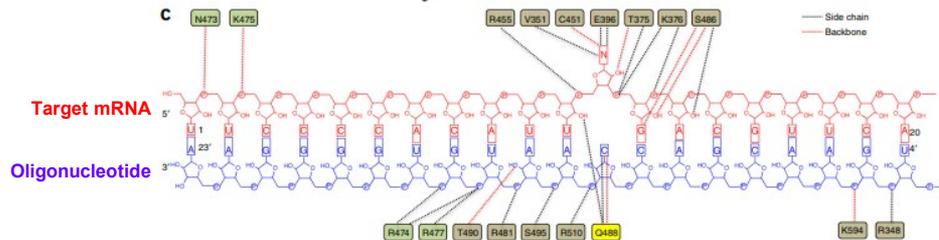
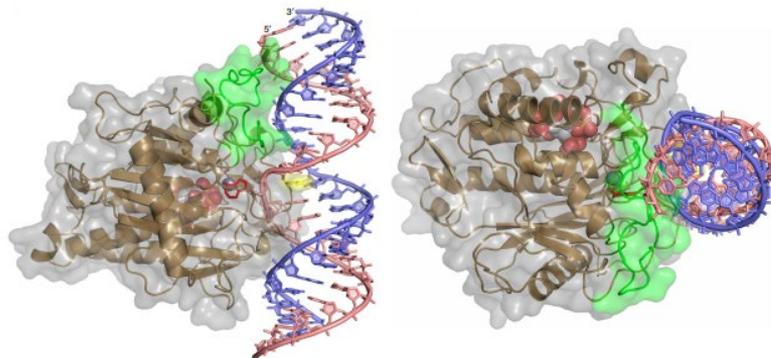
# RNA-editing can be used for several therapeutic applications and supplement Wave's existing modalities

Strategy	Therapeutic Application	Treatment Modality		
		Silencing	Splicing	RNA Editing
Silence protein expression	Reduce levels of toxic mRNA/protein	✓		✓
Alter mRNA splicing	Exon skipping/inclusion/restore frame		✓	✓
Fix nonsense mutations that cannot be splice-corrected	Restore protein expression			✓
Fix missense mutations that cannot be splice-corrected	Restore protein function			✓
Modify amino acid codons	Alter protein function			✓
Remove upstream ORF	Increase protein expression			✓



# Using PRISM to unlock ADAR-mediated RNA editing

## Structure of ADAR deaminase domain bound to dsRNA substrate



- ADAR makes multiple contacts with oligonucleotide backbone, sugar and bases
- Using PRISM platform, rationally designed and screened oligonucleotides to optimize:
  - 2' sugar chemistry
  - Backbone chemistry and stereochemistry
  - Size and structure
  - Modified nucleobases

~1,000 RNA editing oligonucleotides tested over the last year to develop SAR for editing format

# Wave's ADAR approach has several potential advantages over existing technologies

## Existing RNA editing technologies

## Wave's RNA editing platform

*Use unmodified RNA*



**Stability**



**Fully chemically-modified  
stereopure oligonucleotides**

*Require AAV or lipid nano  
particle delivery*



**Delivery**



**Free uptake into tissues**

*Require exogenous protein  
(e.g. CAS13 or chimeric ADAR)*



**Editing**



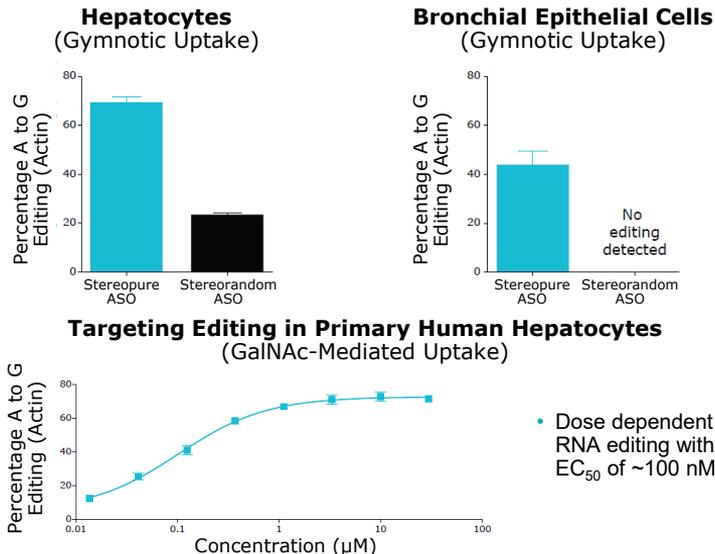
**Uses endogenous ADAR  
for editing**

**Single oligonucleotide through free uptake is sufficient for editing**

# RNA Editing with Endogenous ADAR Achieved Across Multiple Primary Human Cell Types

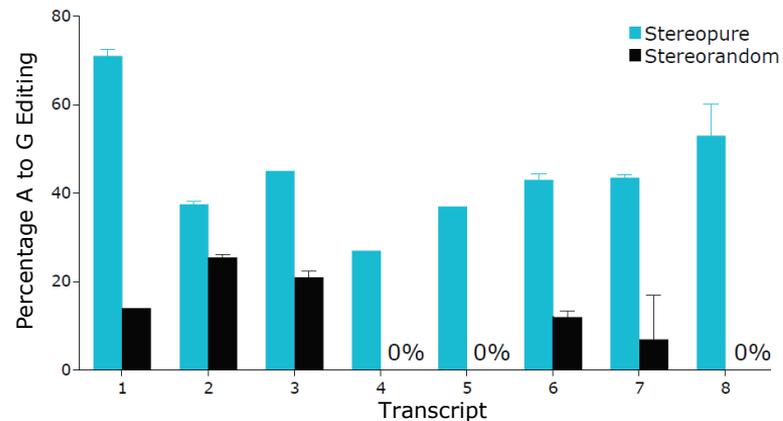
## Editing of Up to 70% Achieved *In Vitro*

### Editing UAG Site in Actin mRNA in Primary Human Cell Lines



## Technology Validated Across Multiple Sequences *In Vitro*

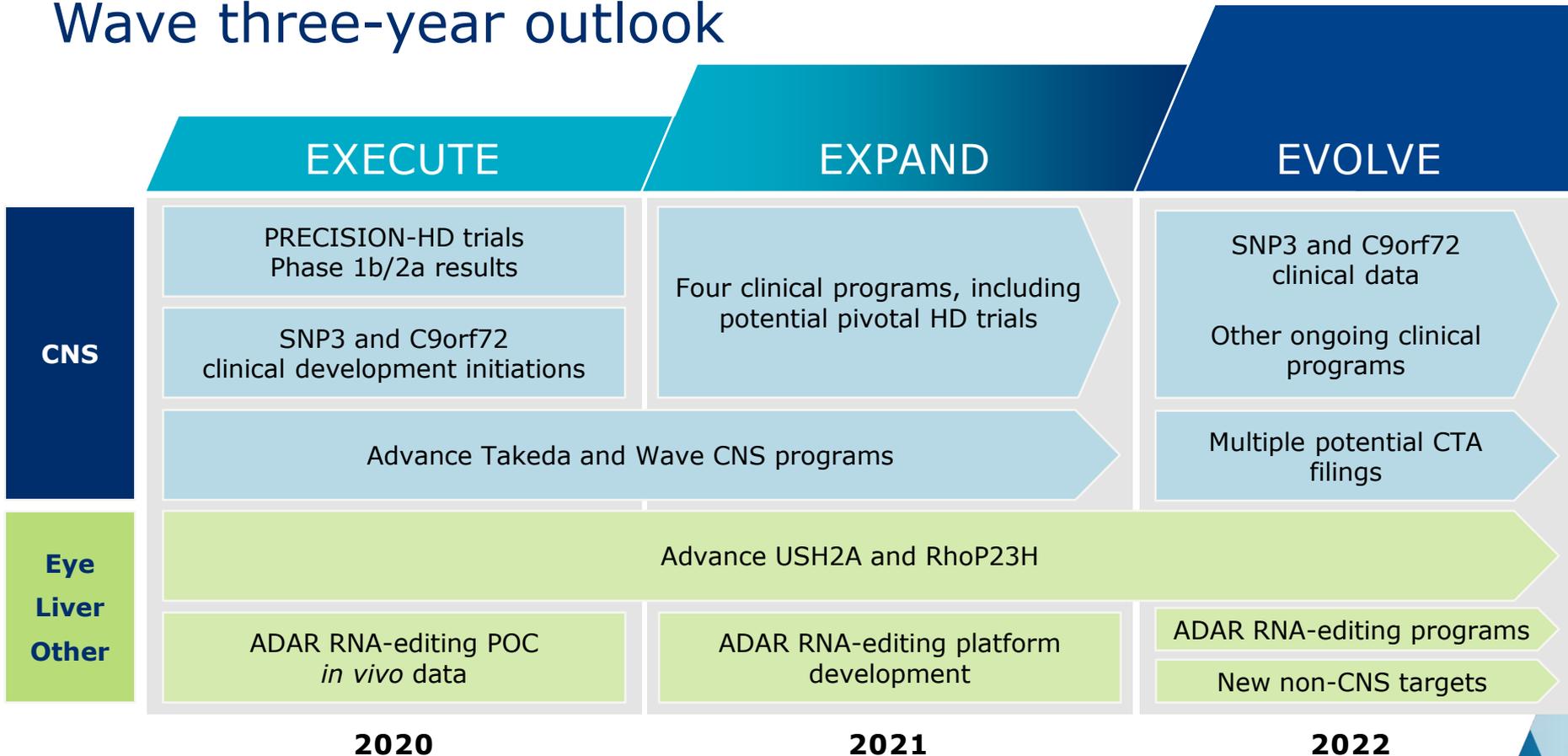
### Editing in Primary Human Hepatocytes



- Editing achieved across several distinct RNA transcripts

***In vivo* editing data with fully modified stereopure oligonucleotides expected in 2020**

# Wave three-year outlook



# Anticipated upcoming Wave milestones

## CNS

- **2H 2020:** PRECISION-HD2 data from 32 mg cohort in Huntington's disease
- **2H 2020:** PRECISION-HD1 topline data, including 32 mg cohort, in Huntington's disease
- **2H 2020:** Initiate clinical development of SNP3 program in Huntington's disease
- **2H 2020:** Initiate clinical development of C9orf72 program in ALS and FTD

## Ophthalmology

- **2020:** Advance USH2A and RhoP23H programs

## RNA-editing

- **2020:** *In vivo* ADAR editing data



# Realizing the potential of genetic medicines

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